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1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT THAT PARTICIPATION OF CONGEN CHASE WOULD BE USEFUL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF GROWING IMPORTANCE US BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN ALEXANDRIA, AND PROSPECTS OF INCREASING SIGNIFICANCE THIS COMMERCIAL AND MARITIME CENTER. IT WAS WITH THIS IN MIND THAT WE URGED HIS PARTICIPATION IN TUNIS CONFERENCE.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT USING POST FUNDS WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR SUPPORTING ATTENDANCE AT REGIONAL CONFERENCES. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT BUDGETARY PROBLEMS AFFECT ALMOST ALL ASPECTS USG OPERATIONS, WE URGE THAT ATTENDANCE BY CHASE, WITH FUNDING CHARGED TO CONFERENCE, BE RECONSIDERED. WHILE CG ALEXANDRIA DOES NOT HAVE ASSIGNED FULL-TIME COMMERCIAL OFFICER, CHASE DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO PROMOTION US BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THAT MAJOR PORT CITY AND HAS ALREADY HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN THESE ENDEAVORS.
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